



Welcome to

# Willunga Catholic Parish

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga; St Peter's, Normanville; St Joseph's, Willunga

**PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD - YEAR A**

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## **MASS CENTRES**

- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Road, NORMANVILLE
- St Joseph's, St Judes St, WILLUNGA

## **MASS TIMES**

- SATURDAY EVENING 5.30pm  
Aldinga Beach (Mary of Galilee)
- FIRST, THIRD, FIFTH SUNDAYS  
8.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)  
10.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
- SECOND, FOURTH SUNDAYS  
8.30am Normanville (St Peter's)  
10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)



## **GOSPEL**

*(Read at the procession before Mass)*

### **Matthew 21:1-11**

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is

this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

## **FIRST READING**

### **Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

## **SECOND READING**

### **Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the

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# Bulletin Board

## REGULAR MASS TIMES

(resumes beginning of December)

Mon	No Masses - Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga
Thur	9.00am - Willunga
Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00noon - Normanville
1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00noon - Normanville

## WEEKEND MASSES

(Times on front page of this bulletin)

### PRIEST ROSTER WEEKENDS and EASTER

(This roster may change

if something unforeseen crops up)

01 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
02 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Tom
06 Apr	5.00pm - N/ville, Fr Dominick 5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy 7.30pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
07 Apr	9.30am - Aldinga, Fr Josy 3.00pm - Aldinga, Fr Josy 3.00pm - N/ville, TBA 3.00pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
08 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick 7.30pm - Willunga, Fr Tom
09 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Tom 9.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
15 Apr	5.30am - Aldinga, Fr Tom
16 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy
22 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
23 Apr	8.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy 10.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy
29 Apr	5.30pm - Aldinga, Fr Dominick
30 Apr	8.30am - Willunga, Fr Josy 10.30am - N/ville, Fr Josy

## EASTER MASS TIMES

### • Holy Thursday (6 April) •

St Peter's, Normanville 5.00pm  
Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm  
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

### • Good Friday (7 April) •

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 9.30am  
(Stations of Cross)

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 3.00pm

\*\*St Peter's, Normanville 5.15pm

(\*\* PLEASE NOTE the revised time)

St Joseph's, Willunga 3.00pm

### • Saturday Vigil (8 April) •

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga 5.30pm  
St Joseph's, Willunga 7.30pm

### • Easter Sunday (9 April) •

St Joseph's, Willunga 8.30am  
St Peter's, Normanville 9.30am  
(Normanville Mass will be held at  
Club Fleurieu, 140-142 Main South  
Road, Yankalilla)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed  
is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is always  
celebrated on the first Sunday after  
Easter, this year 16 April. Our  
celebration will be held at St Luke's  
Church, Noarlunga. Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament starts at 2.00pm,  
with the opportunity to receive the  
sacrament of Reconciliation, with  
several priests available. This time  
includes the Rosary and Divine Mercy  
Chaplet. Mass will begin at 3.00pm  
with the solemn blessing of the Divine  
Mercy Image. There will be no  
5.30pm Mass at St Luke's that day.

Jesus spoke to Saint Faustina, "It  
pleases Me to grant everything they  
ask of Me by saying the chaplet"

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Every day, more than 200 million  
children miss out on school, around  
690 million people go hungry and 2.2  
billion people cannot access clean  
drinking water. In recent years,  
COVID-19 has also devastated  
vulnerable communities already  
living in poverty, with the health  
and economic impacts to  
reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support  
of people like you that we are able  
to continue to help lift vulnerable  
communities out of poverty –  
support that is needed now more  
than ever.

Thank you for your continued  
support for Project Compassion –  
past, present and future. Together,  
we can help vulnerable  
communities face their challenges  
today and build a better tomorrow  
For All Future Generations.

Please donate to Project  
Compassion 2023 to help  
continue empowering vulnerable  
communities around the world to  
lift themselves and their  
communities out of poverty by  
visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or phoning  
1800 024 413.

## MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will

be held on Sunday May 21 beginning  
at the Pioneer Women's Memorial  
Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade  
Ground on King William Road)  
procession up King William Street  
into Victoria Square. The Procession  
will commence at 2.00pm and all are  
invited to attend with their parish or  
community. Group assembly will  
begin from 1.30pm. For more  
information, please contact the Events  
Office (8210 8220)

## PALM SUNDAY

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a  
donkey is a sign of God's hospitality  
to all, and a call for us to follow and  
show hospitality to our brothers and  
sisters.

This year we celebrate Palm Sunday  
at a time of some anxiety and  
uncertainty. Interest rates and inflation  
have put great stress on people by  
increasing the sums they need to pay  
for mortgages or rent. As always  
climate change has mapped the future  
in fires and floods. The drums of war  
have been beating ominously around  
the world and arouse echoes in  
Australia.

This year, too, our hearts go out to the



Sign at a School Sausage Sizzle  
at last weekend's NSW State Election.

many people who seek protection in our region and throughout the world. War in Ukraine and Myanmar have made many refugees. Nations like Great Britain have copied Australia in trying to turn back the boats and send refugees to Africa. In Australia, however, the New Government has shown compassion in revising cruel decisions taken by the previous government, but has left intact the legal framework that confines people who seek protection to prison and makes others live a half-life.

The anxiety of our age echoes that of the world of the first Palm Sunday. An uneasy population was controlled by the Roman legions and angered by their unpopular taxes, about to celebrate the Passover with its accompanying flood of visitors, fears of terrorism, and suspicion of many religious revivalist movements. In this climate they saw the controversial preacher, Jesus, enter the city with a few companions on a donkey. It was obviously a symbolic gesture, and certainly took the mickey out of the ways in which rulers entered cities in chariots, surrounded by line on line of armed troops and a display of loot and slaves taken from the defeated people. But anxious and cynical rulers could see even this peaceful statement as a threat.

For followers of Jesus today, however, the drama of Palm Sunday strengthens us in our commitment to refugees. It invites us to trust in what God is doing, not to despair at what our fellow human beings are doing, and to hang in with refugees in what they are suffering. It says that each human being is worth living and

dying for as the Son of God did. It says, too, that life will triumph over death, goodness over malice and apathy, and that we find Jesus in our suffering brothers and sisters. To stay by them is a privilege.

This year we keep in our hearts the millions of refugees around the world. We rejoice with those who will be given permanent residence in Australia. We share the struggle of those excluded from permanent residence in Australia, and with them demand a more generous and just policy. We pray that all refugees will be able to be reunited here with family members from outside Australia.

A child might see Palm Sunday as the day of the donkey that patiently carried Jesus' weight. Many Australians see it as the day of donkeys who keep supporting the hopeless plea of refugees to be received hospitably. We see it as the day of Jesus who rode the donkey as a sign of God's hospitality to all human beings and of our call to follow him in showing hospitality to our brothers and sisters who have been driven out of their homes.

*Fr Andrew Hamilton  
"Australian Catholics"*

**"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"**

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**ROSTERS**

**ALDINGA** *Saturday 01 April*  
 Welcomer  
 Commentator Palm Sunday  
 Readers TBA  
 Eucharistic Minister

*Saturday 08 April*  
 Kate Manders, Rose Sulda  
 Michelle Cormack  
 Rod Boucher  
 Chris McWilliams  
 Mario Bacchin

**NORMANVILLE** *Sunday, 02 April*  
 Welcomer Leo Montgomery  
 Commentator Antoinette Fleming  
 Reader Ena Harvey  
 Altar/Cleaning M Kennedy, A Henriksen

*Sunday, 09 April*  
 Peter Lloyd  
 Michael Steller  
 Thia Van Kuyk  
 M Kennedy, A Henriksen ++

**WILLUNGA** *Sunday, 02 April*  
 Commentator Wayne Best  
 Reader Margaret Guley  
 Eucharistic Minister Andrew Beach  
 Flowers No flowers - Lent  
 Church Linen Wayne Best

*Sunday, 09 April*  
 Marie Andrews  
 Megan Chapman  
 Anna Rogers  
 Vanda Farrall  
 Margaret Guley

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sick:** Muriel Smith, Janet Burbidge, Rainer Maack, Adrian Andrews, Vi Corkin, Deirdre Boyd, Derek Wade

**Recently deceased:** Stephen Beach, Sarah Brawley, Sandra Jones

**Anniversary:** Graeme Kennedy

**DATES**

- 4 Apr Creative Corner
- 6 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
- 7 Apr Good Friday
- 8 Apr Holy Saturday
- 9 Apr Easter Sunday
- 10 Apr Easter Monday
- 14 Apr Coffee group - Louis
- 14 Apr Last day School term 1
- 16 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday
- 18 Apr Creative Corner
- 21 Apr Marian Procession
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 28 Apr Coffee group - Louis
- 1 May First day School term 2
- 12 Jun King's birthday
- 7 Jul Last day School term 2
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY TRAINING**

Children's Liturgy Training is being offered at St Luke's, Noarlunga on Saturday 15 April from 10.30am - 12.00noon. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact Gabrielle Byrne (c/- the Noarlunga/Seaford Parish Office - 8382 1717).

**CUPPA FOLLOWING MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S**

There will be a cuppa in The Shed following 8.30am Mass on Sunday. Everyone is most welcome.

**Quick Animal Facts #4:-**



*Spiders are the only web designers who are happy when they get a bug.*

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 01/04/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The name Barabbas literally means son (bar) of the father (abba). Here the crowd chooses the false son while condemning the true Son.
- This Sunday is also known as 'Palm Sunday' and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Celebrations similar to those carried out in churches today were being held in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century.
- The narratives of the Passion of Jesus – the arrest, trial, crucifixion and death – are the earliest strands of what came to be written down as the gospels.
- Since the fourth century the site now marked by the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been revered as the site of Calvary.

### GOD'S WORD

Watching the same show over and over can get boring. Some people feel that way about the Mass. They follow the same routine: standing, kneeling, readings, singing, receiving Communion and then going home. Maybe they've forgotten that Mass isn't something we just watch. Jesus is really with us at Mass. When we hear God's Word, Jesus is there. When the priest says the blessing and raises the host, Jesus is there. Today at Mass, you'll hear about Jesus' suffering and death. What might Jesus be saying to you about your life? How will you respond?

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heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Phil 2:8-9*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 26:14-27:66*

*(Heavily abridged)*

The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani', that is, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" ...But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom ... Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God'. And many were there watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over ...



### I WANT TO BE LIKE CHRIST

To me, the whole point of being a Christian is so that I will never have to stand on the side of Jesus' torturers. If I am true to my faith, then such depravity and inhumanity will be impossible for me. If I follow Jesus' way of love, then I will never be in Pilate's camp, washing my hands of one I know to be innocent. Caiphas and the high priests, with their cowardice and power-mongering, will not be part of my coterie, either. No good people will get sold down the river by me – if I choose to follow Christ.

That's a big if, or course. I fear that without vigilance, I could become one of these dealers in death. We may all be capable of such extreme acts of sin – think of torturers in prisons since the beginning of time. If we constantly and consistently choose to deny God's loving presence in our lives, we will become our own worst enemies.

So I am committed to keeping God before me and taking up my cross each day. It's true that by following Jesus, I must bear ridicule, swallow my pride, go against the status quo, fight social injustice, show extreme mercy, and, all in all, do things that do not come easy to me. But, the good news is: I will save my soul in the process. Better that than losing my soul, which, as Jesus showed is, a fate worse than death – even death on a cross. *GPBS eNews*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(03 - 09 April)*

- **Monday, 03:** Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 05:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)
- **Thursday, 06:** HOLY THURSDAY readings
- **Friday, 07:** GOOD FRIDAY readings
- **Saturday, 08:** HOLY SATURDAY readings
- **Sunday 09:** SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION (Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9)

### PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8556 2132 or 0488 287 552.